

ATTACHMENT C
Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-11 without prejudice or disclaimer.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (New) An electrical appliance for preparing hot beverages, said electrical appliance comprising:

a first section equipped with electrical means for heating a fluid and power supply means for said electrical heating means, and

a second section comprising means for containing the heated fluid,

said first section and said second section being connectible to each other in a releasable manner, said first section being substantially subdivided into a housing chamber for the electrical heating means and into a heating chamber for the fluid by a partitioning wall made of heat-conducting material, while the heating means are in contact with said wall, wherein said first section comprises a safety valve in correspondence with the heating chamber of the fluid, said valve being hidden by a mantle made of thermally insulating material, which is provided with at least one discharge hole.

13. (New) The appliance according to claim 12, wherein outer walls of said first section and said second section are made of thermally insulating material.

14. (New) The appliance according to claim 12, further comprising a funnel-shaped filter for the coffee powder between said first section and said second section, said second section comprises a containing body, essentially in the form of a vase, which is axially fitted with a nozzle for delivering a coffee infusion, while said nozzle is in fluid communication with said filter.

15. (New) The appliance according to claim 12, wherein said second section comprises a substantially tubular body, connectible to one extremity of the body of said first section by approximately coupling means.

16. (New) The appliance according to claim 12, wherein said second section comprises a substantially bell-shaped body, coupled to one extremity of the body of said first section, and fitted at its opposite extremity with means for delivering the heated fluid.

17. (New) The appliance according to claim 12, wherein an end wall of the body of said first section is provided with an axial cavity mounting the electrical contacts, while the power supply means comprise a plate connected to the power supply network, which is fitted with an axially protruding shank holding the electrical contacts destined for coupling to said electrical contacts of said cavity.

18. (New) The appliance according to claim 12, wherein said heating means comprise a heating resistance arranged in contact with said partitioning wall, and a power supply circuit of said resistance comprising a thermostat, means of signaling the operation of said heating means, and controlling means of said thermostat.

19. (New) The appliance according to claim 18, wherein a branch of the power supply circuit mounting said controlling means is provided with switching means capable of excluding said controlling means from said power supply circuit.

20. (New) The appliance according to claim 18, wherein said controlling means for said thermostat comprise a controlling resistance of a value substantially lower than that of the heating resistance, arranged in contact with said thermostat and in parallel to the same.